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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S DAILY QUOTES SIHANOUK ON GKR INITIATIVE

"PEOPLE'S DAILY" JULY 11 CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM SIHANOUK'S
STATEMENT OF JULY 10 IN REPLY TO THE GKR OFFER FOR UNCONDITIONAL
TALKS. CHINESE VERSION OMITTS PORTIONS DISCUSSING AMBASSADOR
DEAN'S ROLE IN CAMBODIA AND IT ONLY MENTIONS A "LAOS-STYLE
COALITION GOVERNMENT" IN PASSING AS SOMETHING WHICH "MR
RICHARD NIXON" ESTABLISHED. ALTHOUGH SIHANOUK IS LATER
QUOTED AS RULING OUT A "COALITION GOVERNMENT", "TALKS",
AN "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE" AS MEANS FOR BRINGING PEACE TO
CAMBODIA, THE SITUATIONS IN LAOS AND VIETNAM IN THIS CONNECTION
ARE NOT MENTIONED. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT BY EXTENSIVE USE
OF QUOTES FROM SIHANOUK RATHER THAN DIRECT CHINESE COMMENTARY
THE CHINESE ARE PRESERVING A NEUTRAL POSITION REGARDING
SIHANOUK'S POINTS.

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